

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, 147 million ash trees blanket the great state of Indiana, enhancing our state's air quality, natural landscapes, recreational destinations, wildlife habitats, tourism, manufacturing, commerce and property/land values; and
- WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of the emerald ash borer (EAB), a destructive exotic beetle, benefits the state of Indiana by curtailing the artificial spread of the beetle through the movement of firewood; and
- WHEREAS, the joint effort of all of the invested states as well as private, local and federal partnership help protect the 8 billion ash trees in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, employing a cooperative spirit and encouraging environmental stewardship ultimately reduces the risk to the ash resource of Indiana and other states where the insect has been found, as well as the rest of the nation; and
- WHEREAS, spring marks the beginning of the travel and tourism season in Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week is an opportunity for the government to join forces with business, industry, environmental groups, community organizations, tourists and citizens to take action against the spread and introduction of EAB;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 22-28, 2011 as

EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 15th
day of May in the year of our
Lord 2011 and of the Independence
of the United States 235.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

M E Daniels, Jr.